LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION 111010-01

Condemnation of Tribal Chair's Action and Retraction of the letter to the State of Michigan

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance; and

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621); and

Tribal Council at its Regularly Scheduled meeting, Sunday, November 7, 2010, during a closed session discussed with Tribal Chair and legal staff the casino being operated in Vanderbilt by Bay Mills Indian Community.

At such meeting the majority of the Tribal Councilors agreed that a letter should be sent to the State of Michigan letting the State know that the Tribe is assessing the impact of the Vanderbilt casino in regards to its 6% payment to the State under the compact. Further, that the Tribe will let the State of Michigan know that while they are making their assessment, the Tribe will hold any payment in a segregated account until such time they have made a final determination on the legality of the 6% payment.

The signed Tribal Councilors believe that the action of the Tribal Chair, in misrepresenting the Tribe's position to the State of Michigan, is reprehensible and irresponsible.

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The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that the actions of the Tribal Chair were not sanctioned, that the letter to the State of Michigan is not an accurate reflection of the Tribe's position and should be retracted. Date: 11/10/10 Tribal Councilor GERA Date: 12-4-10 ribal Councilor Tribal Councilor Pelioda Randwell Date: 12.6-17 Date: 12-18-10 Tribal Councilor MARVIN

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A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.